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## AB 1753 (Hall) - Unlicensed Slot Machines FACT SHEET

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### ISSUE

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Unlicensed slot machines, often disguised as video arcade machines, are being placed in small business in largely lower income neighborhoods. These slot machines look and act nearly identical to licensed slot machines found at tribal gaming facilities yet are being placed in bars, restaurants, liquor stores and tobacco shops. Revenues from these machines are unregulated, unreported and untaxed.

The profits from these illegal slot machines make the minor penalty for conviction merely a cost of doing business for these offenders. Therefore, law enforcement has had few tools available to stop and deter these machines from operating throughout California.

### SOLUTION

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AB 1753 would revise fines for the possession of an unlicensed slot machine from \$100 to \$1000 for the first offense, up to \$10,000 for the second offense, and up to \$25,000 for the third offense.

The revision of these fines will deter the proliferation of illegal machines at non-tribal gaming facilities and provide law enforcement with an important tool to reaffirm the appropriate use and location of slot machines in California.

### SUPPORT

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Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department (Sponsor)

California State Sheriff's Association

AMI Entertainment Network, Inc.

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